



H1N1 Virus Partner Briefing

Influenza A (H1N1) Virus

May 8th, 2009 12:30 PM

- Rhode Island:** 7 confirmed cases, 2 negative cases, and 1 probable case as of May 8th 2009, 12:30 PM.
- New England Report** All states reporting confirmed cases except VT.
- National Report:** CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm>
- International Report:** WHO at http://www.who.int/csr/don/2009_04_24/en/index.html

Department of Health (HEALTH) Recent Web Postings

- Individuals with Diabetes
<http://www.health.ri.gov/pandemicflu/swineflu/Advisory/DiabetesFaq050709.pdf>
- Migrant Farm Workers
http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/migrant_farmworkers.htm
- EMS-Revised FAQs
<http://www.health.ri.gov/pandemicflu/swineflu/Advisory/EMSFaq050709.pdf>
- School Update
<http://www.health.ri.gov/pandemicflu/swineflu/schools.php>
- Higher Education
http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/guidelines_colleges.htm
- French Translations

RI H1N1 Coordinating Task Force Actions:

- HEALTH will continue to assess the presence of influenza like-illness in the community by working with its partners to monitor the following 4 indicators:

Monitoring Indicator	Reporting frequency	Status as of May 8, 2009
School absenteeism	Daily; afternoon	No change
Hospitalizations	As admitted	No change
Emergency Room visits	Every four hours	No change
University clinic visits	Daily; afternoon	No change
Sentinel physician office visits	Daily; afternoon	No change

- HEALTH continues to recommend treatment for high-risk individuals only. Currently only 5% of all individuals with influenza like illness have Influenza A, and not all of those cases are determined to be H1N1 (swine) flu. Thus, treating all influenza-like illness with antivirals can breed resistance.
- 401-222-8022 is the Flu Information Line open weekday (8:30am-4:30pm) for your questions.
- HEALTH will not issue a Partner Briefing over the weekend.

For further information go to: HEALTH at <http://www.health.ri.gov>

- CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>
- WHO at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>
- **Twitter Address:** RIDeptHealth (<http://www.twitter.com/rideptofhealth>)